

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2002

Present: Corey, Jessen, Johnson, Mehigh, Ockerman, Runyan, Sanderson.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Janet Washburn, Parks and Recreation Director; Brian Holmberg; Bonnie Sweeney; Marlinda Thorpe; Dea Nielsen; Kimberly Nielson; Troy Nielson; Judy Horton; Millie Taute; Derek Bradshaw; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Corey at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Mehigh moved, Johnson seconded to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting and to correct the heading on page seven paragraph two from Consider Water Committee to Consider Intergovernmental Committee.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Ockerman moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. 6) Discuss Parking in Park During the 4th of July Celebration.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Runyan, Mehigh, Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Ockerman moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: An audience member asked why the Internet was not used to advertise job openings. Mayor Corey advised he did not know if people read the Internet or the newspaper for employment advertisements, but the city has learned a lesson. Councilperson Ockerman informed the audience that the city hired someone for \$6,000 less than what was previously paid so the city is ahead, and the city is very happy with the person who was hired.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Sawyer reviewed his calendar and manager's report with

council and with those in the audience.

CONSIDER RELAY FOR LIFE MCCURDY PARK USAGE: Mayor Corey asked if there had been a response to the letter that was sent to the Cancer Society. Mr. Sawyer advised he communicated with Mr. Heavilin several times via e-mail and was unsuccessful in getting anything in return from the Cancer Society for the use of the park. Councilperson Ockerman stated he wanted to go with Ms. Washburn's proposal that sets a flat rate, but he was resentful that the situation was left in the city council's lap in order to make the city council look foolish. Councilperson Mehig stated he agreed with Councilperson Ockerman. The park costs the citizens a lot of money and the city needs to start controlling the park costs. He further stated council should look at charging a flat rate. Mayor Corey stated there might be other businesses or organizations in the community who sponsor the Relay for Life and other activities within the city. He suggested letting the Relay for Life use the park without any cost this year and work on this issue before next year. Councilperson Sanderson stated he disagrees with the Relay for Life using the community center in case it rains, and if it does not rain, then the event has taken a two night rental fee from the city. Mayor Corey stated if the community center is used then maybe there should be a nominal charge for using the facility. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the Relay for Life puts any of their stuff in the community center. Janet Washburn advised they use the bathrooms in the lower level. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the Relay for Life use the city's tables. Ms. Washburn advised they have used the community center's tables in the past, but the tables in the commercial building would be used this year. Councilperson Sanderson stated there should be a charge for using the community center. Councilperson Jessen stated there does not seem to be any out-of-pocket expenses, and the publicity alone would benefit the city so he does not think the Relay for Life should be charged. He further stated there might be some extra clean up, but the event is for a good cause. Councilperson Runyan suggested getting together at a workshop to work something out for next year. He further suggested letting the Relay for Life use the park this year as it has done in the past. Councilperson Johnson asked if there was any proof on what this event has cost the city for clean up, security, etc. Mayor Corey stated he did not think the Relay for Life was asking for any additional police protection. Councilperson Johnson asked who cleans up the park. Mayor Corey advised the Relay for Life does. Councilperson Sanderson asked if there would be a problem with charging a standard \$200 fee and returning any unused portion of the fee. Mayor Corey stated this is something that should be set as a policy so everybody knows including non-profit organizations. Councilperson Sanderson stated it would be a good idea to put something in effect as soon as possible. Councilperson Jessen stated if the city cannot decide how much it costs the city now, then how can the city decide what it would cost in the future. Mayor Corey advised if the community center is used, then a nominal fee would be charged for using the facility. Councilperson Johnson asked if the campers get charged. Councilperson Ockerman advised camping is free. He further advised he does not have a problem with a fundraising group using the park if the group does not get any money from the event, but he does have a problem with an organization paying people who work for them, which are called expenses. He also advised if all of the money was going to the Cancer Society, then he did not have a problem, but this is not happening. Councilperson Ockerman stated he is tickled to death that the city has a park to offer to the community, but he would like to see a little more fairness and that is the only bone of contention that he has. Mayor Corey agreed with what Councilperson Ockerman stated, but

asked if there was a cost of just good will. Councilperson Mehig stated he did not think the city council's discussion tonight would iron out all of the details, but an in depth study is needed in order to come up with a policy. Runyan moved, Johnson seconded to approve the use of McCurdy Park by Relay for Life on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, 2002 as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the community center would be used for free for two days if it rains. Mayor Corey advised yes.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehig, Johnson, Jessen, Runyan.

No: Ockerman.

Motion CARRIED

GLS REGION V PLANNING PRESENTATION ON I-69 TRADE CORRIDOR STUDY: Derek

Bradshaw introduced himself and advised he was from the Genesee County Planning Commission. He explained his agency has looked at how the city would benefit from a trade corridor. He showed a video and explained to the city council that his agency was not asking for any money. He further explained support of the resolution would be enough. He also explained \$300 million dollars has been committed for the first five years. Mayor Corey asked if the money was coming from the private sector. Mr. Bradshaw advised from the government. Mayor Corey asked what governments. Mr. Bradshaw advised the state and federal governments. Mayor Corey asked if any money would come from local governments. Mr. Bradshaw advised no. He further advised there is a new transportation bill coming up within the next two years that the agency would go after, which includes some substantial money. Mayor Corey asked if the private industry could get grants to match the federal money or if the money has to come through the government. Mr. Bradshaw advised through the government. Councilperson Sanderson asked where the politicians fit into the situation. Mr. Bradshaw advised there have been several meetings and the goal is to put stuff down on paper so people know what his agency is talking about. He further advised everything would be put up front so there would be no fighting over this or that. He also advised it seems to matter if there is a lot of support behind an agency. Councilperson Sanderson stated he did not see where the trade corridor would benefit anybody north of I-69. Mr. Bradshaw pointed out the pending improvements to several of the local highways. Councilperson Sanderson asked when any of this action would take place. Mr. Bradshaw advised within the next five years. Mayor Corey asked Mr. Bradshaw if he was looking for a resolution from the city council. Mr. Bradshaw advised yes, the resolution would only approve the overall concept. As the agency gets farther into the projects, there would be further discussion. Mayor Corey asked if the resolution would bind the city into anything. Mr. Bradshaw advised no. Mayor Corey stated congress and the state legislature do not know how badly money is wanted unless it is conveyed to them. Mr. Bradshaw advised his agency was told to get a plan together, figure out how much money is needed and show that the agency has support. Councilperson Runyan stated the towns on the I-69/I-75 corridor are going to be the ones who reap from the plan. He further stated Owosso and Corunna would get some of the overflow. He asked who would determine where the hub would be located. Mr. Bradshaw advised the community. There would be a list of actual sites that will be sent around in order to get comments on. Councilperson Runyan asked if a site would have to be designated in each community. Mr. Bradshaw advised no. Councilperson Runyan asked if there would be a regional planning

commission created in the future. Mr. Bradshaw advised there is a need for a regional planning commission. Councilperson Ockerman stated he believed this item has been postponed to the next council meeting according to the city manager's report. Mr. Sawyer advised the city just received the proposed resolution today. Mayor Corey suggested putting the resolution on the next agenda.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL L. PETERLIN TO THE CORUNNA HISTORICAL

COMMISSION: Ockerman moved, Johnson seconded to appoint Michael Peterlin to the Corunna Historical Commission to replace Pat Rock for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing indefinitely to serve at the pleasure of the council.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Ockerman, Mehigh, Runyan, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CORUNNA SCHOOLS TO USE CITY HALL AND FOUR
PRIVACY BOOTHS FOR A REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE

10, 2002: Runyan moved, Jessen seconded to approve the use of Corunna City Hall and four privacy booths for the regular school election to be held on June 10, 2002.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

DISCUSS PARKING IN PARK DURING FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION: Councilperson Ockerman advised he has had contact with the Odyssey of the Mind, and they are more than interested in doing the Fourth of July parking. The Fourth of July Commission knows the city is going to do this, but city council needs to make it official. Councilperson Ockerman further advised the idea is for the Odyssey of the Mind to collect \$5.00 per car, keep \$1.00 per car, and give the city \$4.00. Councilperson Ockerman asked if there was a particular way Mr. Sawyer would like a motion read. Mr. Sawyer advised no. Ockerman moved, Sanderson seconded to direct the city manager to contact the Odyssey of the Mind with the intention of taking care of the parking for the entire day of the Fourth of July, and the parking is to be in the park at \$5.00 per vehicle with \$1.00 going to the Odyssey of the Mind and \$4.00 going to the city. Councilperson Mehigh stated there has been a lot of discussion in the past about where the money that is collected would go. He asked Councilperson Ockerman if he had something specific in mind. Councilperson Ockerman advised the operations committee discussed putting half of the money back into the park and the other half for the expenses incurred by the city. Mayor Corey asked if a separate motion was needed. Mr. Sawyer advised the motion could say one-half of the money is to go into the Parks Improvement Fund and one-half is to go into the General Fund. Councilperson Ockerman stated he would like to add how the money is to be split into the motion if the second agreed. Mayor Corey asked if the amendment was agreeable to the second. Councilperson Sanderson advised yes. Mayor Corey advised the motion was being amended to include \$2.00 to go into the Parks Improvement Fund and \$2.00 to remain with the General Fund. Councilperson Sanderson stated no one from the Fourth of July Commission was present, but one of the members mentioned the last time the person was

present that the Fourth of July Commission had already contacted people to do parking. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the commission could gripe to the city council since no one was present. Mayor Corey advised anybody can gripe about anything. The commission stated they had contracted with someone, which indicates that the commission has some sort of agreement. Mayor Corey asked Councilpersons Mehig and Ockerman if they knew what is going on. Ms. Washburn advised the commission has contracted with the CRW organization to manage the parking. Mayor Corey asked if the organization has been paid any money. Ms. Washburn advised the commission has paid the organization \$300. She further advised she told the commission if the city council went forward with its plan to charge for parking, it would have nothing to do with the people the commission hired because that organization is in charge of the parking and taking care of the drives. She also advised receiving funds and parking are two different things. Mayor Corey stated it sounds like an absolute mess to him. Ms. Washburn advised only one group is collecting money. Councilperson Mehig advised the Fourth of July Commission does not want to charge people to park. Mayor Corey advised the city council has the authority to charge for parking so the question is does the city council want to override what the Fourth of July Committee feels is best for the organization by charging for parking. Councilperson Ockerman stated let council vote on it. Councilperson Mehig advised the city has invested \$3,000 in the Fourth of July so the city council should make some decisions about taking care of the people with the money. If the city can recoup some of the money, then so be it. Mayor Corey stated he agreed, but he hopes there are no bad feelings between the council and the organization. The fact is this item was added to the agenda tonight, and the last time Ms. Hornus was here she was upset that things were discussed at a committee meeting that nobody knew about and the council is doing the same thing here. Councilperson Ockerman stated he resented that and also resented that Ms. Hornus came here. Ms. Hornus was very aware what was going on, and the city council is very public about what it does. He further stated he was sure Ms. Hornus was very aware about what this council's intention was so to come back to the city council and make those kind of statements is totally unfair. Mayor Corey advised it was his belief that this item was not on that committee's agenda that night. Councilperson Ockerman stated that was incorrect. Councilperson Runyan asked if the Odyssey of the Mind could wander through the park and ask for donations instead of charging people to park in the park. Mayor Corey asked if this item was discussed at the operations committee meeting. Councilperson Ockerman advised yes, but evidently what is being done wrong at some of the subcommittee meetings is not making a motion to send the item to the city council. The items are discussed but not sent to the city council for a vote. He further advised once he realized this was the case, he wanted to put the item on the agenda and he got support so that is why this item was put on the agenda. Councilperson Johnson asked if the commission paid the \$300 after the item was discussed by the city council. Mayor Corey advised no, Ms. Hornus advised the commission had already contracted with the CRW. Councilperson Johnson asked if this was done before the city council talked about the issue. Mayor Corey advised yes. Councilperson Ockerman stated when the Fourth of July was first started, the idea was that it would be free, but the citizens of Corunna get to pay for this. It is a wonderful event and nobody is arguing this fact, but the argument seems to be is why this event is always on the back of the citizens of Corunna. Councilperson Ockerman further stated the city council is not trying to discourage anything the committee is doing, but the city spends a lot of money for this event. The only thing the committee is being asked to do is to try and recoup some of the money that is being spent so

the event is not costing the city a lot of money. He further stated there is a constant fight because this committee thinks that everything they take in should go to them like it is their day and to hell with the city. The event costs the citizens money, and he is not trying to discourage it, but there has to be some way to recover some of the costs that the city incurs. Mayor Corey asked how the event is costing the city money. Councilperson Ockerman advised the city pays for the extra police and the department of public works. Mayor Corey stated it was his understanding that the committee does more than break even.

Councilperson Ockerman advised it costs the city money for the extra police and the department of public works. Mayor Corey stated he was under the impression that it costs \$15,000 to put on the event, and the committee recoups \$16,000 or \$17,000. Mr. Sawyer advised the Fourth of July Celebration is a \$20,000 event. Mayor Corey stated this event is part of the city, and he thinks all of the committees should come to the city council. He further stated it seems like everybody has their own little kingdom and everybody wants to see how big they can build their pot of money. Councilperson Runyan stated business people pay good bucks every year and that money goes into the park for the free things for the kids. He further stated it is not only Corunna's money that is going into this event. There are businesses all over that make the event happen. Councilperson Sanderson stated Ms. Hornus has made no effort to come back to the city council to work something out on the parking since the commission has already contracted \$300 out. Councilperson Johnson asked how much it costs the city for that day. Mr. Sawyer advised the city gives the Fourth of July Commission a \$3,000 contribution and he believed \$2,000 was given the year before. The city pays for the audit, which is \$600, the additional police officers that are brought in for that day, and the department of public works who come in for refuse removal, etc. He further advised an estimate would be \$7,000 to \$9,000. Councilperson Sanderson stated he does not understand why everything this council does concerning the committees in the City of Corunna is always wrong. He thought the city council was in charge of the city and not the committees. Councilperson Johnson stated she agreed with Councilperson Ockerman, but the Fourth of July is a fun day for everyone. She asked what about the people who cannot afford the \$5.00 to park. Councilperson Mehigh asked where a person could go for \$5.00 for an entire day. He stated the city council is not trying to impose a penalty on anybody. There are a lot of senior citizens who do not go to the park and asked if it was fair to have them help pay for part of this event. He further stated he walked through the park last year, and there was a minimum of 10,000 people in that park. He also stated this is a countywide event so what is wrong with trying to recoup some of the city's costs. Councilperson Mehigh advised he thinks the Fourth of July Commission should be willing to sit down in order to come up with a solution to some of the problems, but the commission has been very reluctant on their part when charging for parking was first mentioned. He further advised the commission members he talked to just threw up their arms and told him the city council was totally off the tree, but he has not seen a counter proposal. He also advised Councilperson Ockerman is forcing the issue because the city council has not gotten a response. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the cars, which park across the river would be charged. Mr. Sawyer advised the motion does not include that area. Councilperson Runyan asked how much money the city expects to get by charging for parking and how many cars would be parked in the park. Councilperson Ockerman asked Councilperson Runyan how many cars parked in the park last year since he was responsible for the parking last year. Councilperson Runyan advised he did not know and that is why he was asking the question. Mayor Corey asked if 250 cars would be an approximate number. Mr. Sawyer

advised it would be hard to say in the course of the day. Councilperson Mehigh stated he thought the city council waived no parking on the grass last year. Councilperson Runyan advised parking on the grass was allowed in certain areas. He suggested reimbursing the city through the budget instead of charging for parking. Mayor Corey stated the city would be reimbursing its own money. Councilperson Ockerman stated the whole thing with the Fourth of July is if they have a \$10,000 budget this year, then they think they can spend \$10,000. If the budget is \$20,000 next year, they will spend \$20,000. Councilperson Ockerman further stated the commission never considers the city or the citizens in the city. Mayor Corey stated when this event started out about 10 years ago, it was small and the commission reinvested its money year after year. Now, the event is bigger, and the event brings in people from all over the place, which hopefully will stimulate some of the businesses downtown. Councilperson Ockerman asked Mayor Corey if he took part in starting the event. Mayor Corey advised the Fourth of July event was started four or five years before the fireworks were done. Councilperson Ockerman stated he believed the intent was to start the event out that way with the hope at some point that there would be a breakeven point. Mayor Corey advised he has heard that the Fourth of July is bringing in what is being put out. Councilperson Sanderson suggested keeping the \$3,000 that will be given to the commission, letting the commission park the cars, and having the commission give the city \$1.00 for each car that they park. Councilperson Jessen stated if the commission is breaking even then why would the city want to charge the commission for anything as long as it does not cost the city anything. Councilperson Mehigh advised the event costs the city money. Mayor Corey stated his idea is to have all of the money come back into the city at the end of the year. If the commission spends \$15,000 and takes in \$19,000, the extra \$4,000 would come back into the city. He further stated if the commission needs \$16,000 the next year, the city would still have a \$3,000 profit from the year before. Councilperson Ockerman advised Mayor Corey he was forgetting that the commission does not do it that way. The commission spends what the city gives them. Mayor Corey stated he understood that, but the city council has the right to change that. Councilperson Runyan stated the commission did not make \$13,000 or \$14,000 last year. This is the amount that has accumulated over five or six years. Ms. Washburn advised the commission had \$5,183.52 in their checkbook as of December 1 plus \$6,000 in a certificate of deposit. Mayor Corey stated the city council has to know everything that was paid in advance for this year's festival in order to get a true picture of what the event will cost. Councilperson Runyan stated one rainy Fourth of July and the commission is in the dumpster. Councilperson Ockerman asked to have the question called. Councilperson Mehigh asked to have the motion read again. Mayor Corey advised the motion is to direct the city manager to contact the Odyssey of the Mind for the purpose of collecting parking in the park all day for a \$5.00 fee with \$1.00 of the fee to be paid to the Odyssey of the Mind, \$2.00 of the fee to go to the Parks Improvement Fund, and \$2.00 of the fee to go to the General Fund.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: Jessen, Runyan.

Motion CARRIED

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Sanderson stated he still wanted his question answered as to why the city council is always wrong in the eyes of the committees. Councilperson Johnson stated she did not think the city council would ever be the most popular people. Councilperson Sanderson stated then why is the council here and suggested letting the committees run the whole shot, spend all of the money, bankrupt the whole damn town and shut Dodge down. It is not fair for this council to take the abuse from every one of these committees. Mayor Corey stated the abuse comes with the territory. It always has and will probably always will. Councilperson Sanderson stated the city council cannot fight back. Mayor Corey asked Councilperson Sanderson what he wanted to do. Councilperson Sanderson stated start stepping on some toes if the city council has to and this might be a good step right here. Councilperson Runyan stated he agreed with Councilperson Sanderson that changes are needed, but the people on these commissions are volunteers and do not get paid. Councilperson Runyan further stated there might be a lack of communication and maybe the city council needs to communicate more, but slapping somebody on the side of the head is not going to help. Councilperson Ockerman advised Councilperson Runyan that he is also working as a volunteer. Councilperson Ockerman further advised he thinks Councilperson Sanderson is just looking for a little respect. Councilperson Ockerman also advised the abuse does come with the territory, and it is too bad, but the city council gets a chance to say no when it wants to.

Councilperson Ockerman advised council that Wal-Mart donated \$1,000 to the ambulance service this morning. He further advised when he went to the ambulance service in the afternoon and read the last page of the day sheet from the Medical Management people who do the billing, he found out that the federal government has seized the lock box, which contained \$254. Councilperson Ockerman stated the power of attorney that was supposed to be given to the accountant two months ago was not done. The accountant did not receive the power of attorney until today, and hopefully, the accountant will resolve this issue. Councilperson Ockerman further stated at the last council meeting, he gave council an upbeat report that nearly \$175, 000 to \$200,000 was found, but he has since found out that this was not true. Realistically, the amount will probably be \$100,000. Councilperson Ockerman explained he was disappointed that the power of attorney was not taken care of in the right fashion. He further explained this is an Internal Revenue Service problem now, and since they took the lock box, the money is gone and checks will bounce. Mayor Corey asked if the ambulance service was going to need more than the \$10,000 that the city gave the ambulance service. Councilperson Ockerman stated he originally asked for \$5,000 from each municipality, but Mr. Wazny was reluctant so he asked for \$2,500 from each municipality. Councilperson Ockerman further stated the ambulance service might need to act on \$25 per household. He also stated the ambulance service is still worth saving, but having the lock box seized does not help the cash flow problem. Councilperson Ockerman advised the ambulance service cannot open another account somewhere else because the government will take that. He further advised the next answer might be to have the municipalities make the payroll. Councilperson Runyan asked if the amount owed to Lansing-Mason has been negotiated yet. Councilperson Ockerman stated there was a motion made at least two meetings ago to do that and he believes Mr. Wazny tried to call them and was told to call back. Councilperson Ockerman further stated he thought Mr. Wazny and Councilperson Mehig were supposed to get together with them, but to his knowledge this has not happened. Councilperson Mehig stated Lansing-Mason is very

reluctant to discuss what is owed to them so he and Mr. Wazny thought it might be better to wait until Lansing-Mason might be more receptive. Councilperson Runyan stated Lansing-Mason is getting the information that is being put out, which will hurt the ambulance board in its negotiations. Councilperson Ockerman advised he understood Councilperson Runyan's concerns, but the money is public money and no one can act in any way other than honest. Councilperson Runyan asked if it would be dishonest not to give out any information. Councilperson Ockerman advised if it was not dishonest then it would be unethical not to report what is going on to the public and to the council. Mayor Corey stated there was no one from the press present tonight. The public will not know that the ambulance service will only be able to collect half of the money that was reported previously. He further stated people might have the wrong impression about how well off the ambulance service really is. Councilperson Ockerman stated there was a motion by the ambulance board that directed the two individuals to negotiate with Lansing-Mason. Mr. Sawyer stated the good news is that the taxes are getting paid.

Councilperson Sanderson stated he was not concerned about getting respect. He was concerned about the council getting respect. He further stated when he goes into town, the people are saying the same old problems and the same old crap, but this is not true. This is why council needs to stand up.

Councilperson Mehigh stated Councilperson Ockerman got 27 minutes so at least he was going to get the last word. Councilperson Mehigh advised there was a dam review committee meeting held on February 21, and there was discussion about taking two feet off the top of the dam to make rapids, which will be the least expensive process, but this idea will cost \$450,000. He further advised it will cost \$750,000 to repair the dam and a new dam will cost \$1.2 million dollars. He also advised Mr. Sawyer is going to publish some information in the quarterly newsletter in order to get some more citizen input. Councilperson Mehigh stated there is a group of students from the University of Michigan who can dedicate a year to do a lot of the legwork and research for the city. He further stated another meeting would be held on April 18. Mr. Sawyer advised the University of Michigan students would like to make the city dam their master thesis project. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the intent is to go to the public. Councilperson Mehigh advised the information the city would get from the public and from the students will help the city decide what it needs to do. He further advised the city might end up putting something on a ballot to see if this something the public wants to do. Mr. Sawyer stated this might be the type of question that would be put on a survey.

Mayor Corey stated he feels badly about not meeting Mr. Hanna to tour the lofts, but he has called and sent a letter of apology to Mr. Hanna. Mayor Corey further stated the I-69/I-75 presentation tonight was one of the reasons the city should look doing some extensive planning. Most of the council will probably be dead before a lot of the trade corridor items happen, but the city needs to discuss land options and annexation. He also stated private industry will not come to Corunna, but it can if the city wants it to. The city needs to have experts tell the city where private industry should go. Mayor Corey advised the city council should schedule a workshop to discuss this issue. Councilperson Mehigh stated he has been told that Corunna would be foolish if it does not take a look at the M-71 area. This area will be a major development area in the future. Mayor Corey stated the city council owes it to

the community to get a hold of Valde Garcia and Larry Julian to let these people know to get in on the planning. Mayor Corey further stated the city could do a 425, which will be a win/win situation for everybody. The township and city will each get its tax money, and the city will be able to expand water and sewer.

Mr. Sawyer asked council to review the information in their council packets about on-site seminars that the Michigan Municipal League offers.

ADJOURN: Ockerman moved, Sanderson seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehig, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 9:07 p.m.

STEPHEN COREY, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK